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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 2, 3, 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yokoyama Tetsuya (JP Patent 11-096118).

Regarding to claim 1:

Yokoyama Tetsuya discloses a data processing apparatus for effecting a predetermined process with respect to another data processing apparatus, comprising: a decision unit for deciding which of said data processing apparatus is to effect a charge process for the predetermined process that both of said data processing apparatus perform (abstract, section 0003-0005); and a control unit for controlling (fig. 1, unit 21) one of said data processing apparatuses decided by said decision unit to effect the charge process for both of said data processing apparatus (abstract).

Regarding to claim 5:

Yokoyama Tetsuya discloses a data processing apparatus comprising: a processing portion (fig. 1, unit 21) for effecting a predetermined process with respect to another data processing apparatus (abstract, section 0003-0005); and

an information portion for informing said another data processing apparatus of the information whether the data processing apparatus effect a charge process for the predetermined process and one of said data processing apparatus effect the charge process for both said data processing apparatus (abstract, section 0003-0005).

Regarding to claim 6:

Yokoyama Tetsuya discloses a method for controlling a data processing apparatus for effecting a predetermined process with respect to another data processing apparatus comprising: deciding which of said data processing apparatus is to effect a charge process for the predetermined process that both of said data processing apparatuses perform (abstract, section 0003-0005); and controlling one of said data processing apparatus decided by said decision unit (fig. 1, unit 21) to effect the charge process for both said data processing apparatus (abstract, section 0003-0005).

Regarding to claim 7:

Yokoyama Tetsuya discloses a method for controlling a data processing apparatus comprising: effecting a predetermined process with respect to another data processing apparatus (abstract, section 0003-0005); informing said another data processing apparatus of the information whether the data processing apparatus effects a charge process for the predetermined process or not so that said data processing apparatus decide which of said data processing apparatus

is to effect a charge process for the predetermined process (abstract, section 0003-0005), and one of said data processing apparatus effect the charge process for both of said data processing apparatuses (abstract, section 0003-0005).

Regarding to claims 2, 3, 4:

Yokoyama Tetsuya discloses a basis information receive from another data processing apparatus (fig. 1, unit 24, 28); the process is a printing image read by another data processing apparatus (section 0001-0005), based on color image or monochromatic image (section 0026); printing an image read by the data processing apparatus (section 0001-0005).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung S Lau whose telephone number is 571-272-2274. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Barlow can be reached on 571-272-2269. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306

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